

## MEETING of the PCC sub-committee, held on 7<sup>th</sup> October in the choir vestry

Present: Elizabeth Gibbens, Rosemary Akeroyd, Paul Hinton, David Hickman, Derek Latham.

The sub-committee had the remit of:

[a] Considering the short-term, mid-term and long-term needs of St. Hilda's both in terms of the fabric of the church/church hall/grounds and the pastoral care of its congregation/local community

[b] Attempting to prioritise these needs

[c] considering how these needs might be financed.

After a long and fruitful discussion, the sub-committee would like to bring the following recommendations to the PCC:

1. The following items to happen during 2011:

[a] The Sunday School to receive a budget of £300 to enable them to plan properly and purchase equipment.

[b] The flat roofs of the church building [one of which is currently leaking in wet weather] should be repaired. The cost of this to be met from the Fabric Fund up to £1000 and the remainder [should there be any] to be met from the Buildings Fund.

[c] An organ humidifier should be installed in the early Spring of 2011; the cost of this [approx. £5000] should be met from a combination of the Contingency Fund set up after the last PCC meeting and the Buildings Fund. Paul Hinton will consider [with the organists] the implications of its installation in terms of access to the choir gallery and the noise it might make whilst it is working.

[d] Proper storage facilities should be installed in the church hall, possibly using the area under the stage. It was felt that this was something we could consider doing ourselves.

[e] After the 'Welcome Everybody' course, improvements in signage and welcome areas in the church to be considered a priority. Funding for small but significant improvements to be funded from the Spiritual Fund in line with our 'Transforming Church' aims of becoming more open, listening and magnetic.

2. The following items to be targeted for the period 2011 - 2012:

[a] The development of a young children's playground in the space between the church hall and The Pheasant. This to include extra security fencing, rubberised flooring and play equipment. To finance this, a grant application to be made to the PPA.

[b] Resurfacing, improved lighting, white lining, improved signage and designated disabled spacing for the rear car park. It was felt that this would have to be a church fund-raising project as the criteria for grant applications for various bodies do not seem to include car parking!

3. The following items to be prioritised from 2012 [they are not at present in any particular order]:

Interior redecoration of the church building  
Roof insulation of the church and church hall  
Installation of a lower 'false ceiling' in the church hall  
Installation of a children's toilet in the church hall  
Refurbishment of the gentlemen's toilets in the church hall  
Replacement lawn mower  
Improved lighting in the main church building

4. Consideration should also be given to how we might support the growing needs of

- [a] The elderly people of our congregation/community
- [b] Young families in our congregation/community
- [c] Young people in our congregation/community

It was also considered that we might possibly think about employing a church worker to turn some of the ideas that might be forthcoming into reality.

With regard to capital projects, the point was made that it is essential that we look more carefully at the specification we require for the project so that we can be more accurate with our grant applications. For instance, the amount of money obtained from WREN for the new heating system was based on an initial estimate which subsequently increased by about £1200 when it was discovered that other items needed to be included. This meant that the church had to pay the balance when it is almost certain WREN would have paid the full amount if we had got it right before making the application.

Derek Latham. 08.10.10